

John A. McCone Picked as Director for CIA

L.A. Industrialist Expected to Be Named
by Kennedy as Successor to Allen Dulles

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WASHINGTON — John A. McCone, a Los Angeles industrialist and former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, has been picked by President Kennedy to succeed Allen W. Dulles as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, it was learned Tuesday night.

Mr. Kennedy will formally announce the designation of the 59-year-old McCone shortly from the vacation White House at Newport, R.I., where the Chief Executive and Mrs. Kennedy arrived Tuesday.

McCone, a Republican, headed the AEC during the latter years of the Eisenhower administration.

(McCone, who lives at 1100 Oak Grove Ave., San Marino, was reported to be in Washington.)

Dulles, who has headed the CIA since 1953, has indicated that he intends to retire before the end of the year.

Declined by Hamilton

Fowler Hamilton, a New York lawyer who on Sept. 20 was named head of the Agency for International Development, the new foreign aid administration, had previously been mentioned for the CIA post. It was reported that Hamilton, a Democrat, had declined the CIA directorship.

McCone was named AEC chairman in 1958. A native of San Francisco, he was regarded as one of the most important industrialists in the nation.

After his graduation from the University of California

he began his career as a construction engineer. His family had a background in the machinery manufacturing field and, in 1937, McCone formed the Bechtel-McCone-Parsons Corp., specializing in the design, engineering and construction of refineries.

Headed Ship Firm

During World War II, that firm built a huge complex for work on bombers.

Also during World War II, McCone headed the giant California Shipbuilding Co., which produced 467 ships valued at about \$1 billion.

He heightened his reputation during the war years as an executive who "got things done."

After 1945, McCone diversified his business interests. He became chairman of the board of Pacific Far East

Line, Inc., and a director of a number of other firms.

Two years later he joined the staff of the President's Air Policy Commission as national security specialist. He later served as a deputy to the secretary of the Air Force before becoming under secretary for air in the Truman administration. He resigned that position in 1950 "for personal reasons."

In March of 1956 he was sent as President Eisenhower's personal representative to Vatican ceremonies commemorating the 80th birthday of Pope Pius XII.